

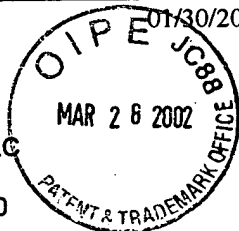


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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING AND SHAPING RUBBER BAND MEMBERS

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed on February 22, 2002, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventors. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No. 129251 for ☒\$130.00 ☐\$65.00 (entitlement to small entity status is asserted) for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).

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